

Senate Resolution 119 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY BEALL and GASKILL
1 3 A Resolution designating September 2008 as Prostate
1 4 Cancer Awareness Month.
1 5 WHEREAS, countless families in Iowa live with
1 6 prostate cancer; and
1 7 WHEREAS, a significant number of men in Iowa live
1 8 with prostate cancer; and
1 9 WHEREAS, over the past decade, prostate cancer has
1 10 been the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer and
1 11 the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths
1 12 among men in Iowa; and
1 13 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates
1 14 218,890 men in the United States will be diagnosed
1 15 with prostate cancer and 27,050 men will die of
1 16 prostate cancer in 2008; and
1 17 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates
1 18 2,140 men in Iowa will be diagnosed with prostate
1 19 cancer and 350 men will die of prostate cancer in
1 20 2008; and
1 21 WHEREAS, African-American males suffer a prostate
1 22 cancer incidence rate up to 60 percent higher than
1 23 white males and more than double the mortality rate;
1 24 and
1 25 WHEREAS, age, ethnicity, and family history are
1 26 significant predictors of the severity of prostate
1 27 cancer and the probability that the disease will lead
1 28 to death; NOW THEREFORE,
1 29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
1 30 designates September 2008 as Prostate Cancer Awareness
2 1 month;
2 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate declares
2 3 that Iowa state government has a responsibility to
2 4 raise awareness about the importance of screening
2 5 methods for, and treatment of, prostate cancer; to
2 6 encourage increased research in order to improve
2 7 screening and treatment of prostate cancer, and to
2 8 provide that the causes of, and a cure for, prostate
2 9 cancer may be discovered; and to continue to consider
2 10 ways for improving access to, and the quality of,
2 11 health care services for detecting and treating
2 12 prostate cancer.
2 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate requests
2 14 the Governor to issue a proclamation calling on the
2 15 people of Iowa, interested groups, and affected
2 16 persons to promote awareness of prostate cancer; to
2 17 take an active role in the fight to end the
2 18 devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals
2 19 and their families; to observe Prostate Cancer
2 20 Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and
2 21 activities; and to urge the United States Congress to
2 22 prohibit the application of least costly alternative
2 23 practices or similar policies for drugs and
2 24 biologicals that unfairly target prostate cancer
2 25 patients.
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